

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 4, 2016
TO: MEMBERS OF THE FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS PENSION PLAN
FROM: KADIRA COLEY, RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATOR
SUBJECT: ELECTION OF PARTICIPANT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES TO THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS PENSION BOARD

The City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Board (the “Board”) announces elections for two participant representatives and two alternate participant representatives. The Board is composed of eight voting members and three alternates. The voting positions are split equally between employee participant representatives and City of Alexandria management representatives. The four employee participant representatives include two firefighter representatives and two police officer representatives. There is also an alternate representative for the firefighters and police officers and City Management. A list of the current Board members is attached. If you are interested in running for a Board position please read on for more information.

The purpose of the Board is to oversee the investments of three retirement plans:

1. The City of Alexandria Firefighters & Police Officers Pension Plan (a defined benefit plan),
2. The City of Alexandria Retirement Income Plan for Firefighters and Police Officers (a defined contribution plan), and
3. The Firefighters and Police Officers Disability Income Plan (a defined benefit plan).

The Board may also recommend plan changes for the City Manager to propose to City Council; only City Council can adopt changes to the plan.

The Board typically meets twice every quarter, generally at City Hall. One meeting is a structured meeting for the Board to review investment performance. The other meeting is less structured and the Board reviews a wide range of pension topics. Additional special meetings may be scheduled during the year. Meetings typically last three hours, but preparation for meetings may take longer. Meeting materials are sent to Board members to review in advance of the meeting.

The Board’s participant representatives and alternates are elected for staggered four year terms. The terms for Michael Cross (Firefighter Representative) and Al Tierney (Police Officer Representative) expire December 31, 2016.

If you are interested in running to be the Firefighter Representative or Police Officer Representative for 2017 – 2020, or would like to learn more about the process, you should:

- Assess your commitment. Are you willing to put in the time and accept the fiduciary responsibility? Training is available.
- Garner support. Nominations require petitions signed by 25 Plan participants.

- Prepare a personal statement explaining why you want to serve on the Board and summarize the talents, education, experience, training, and insights you would bring to the Board.
- Provide the Election Administrator, Kadira Coley, with contact information (phone, e-mail, etc.).

A tentative timeline follows. Anyone who would like to be a nominee must submit a Nomination Petition to the Election Administrator by **Wednesday, June 8**. The petition must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) Eligible Voting Participants. Eligible Voting Participants include active, retired, and disabled firefighters or police officers covered under the Plan as well as those members who still have balances in the defined contribution plan.

TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

May	Administrator announces Procedures and Calendar
May	Administrator provides Nomination Petition
May	Candidates provide Contact Information to Administrator
May - June	Candidates submit Nomination Petition to Administrator
May - June	Administrator provides Sample Personal Statements to candidates
May - June	Administrator provides candidates information on fiduciary responsibilities
June	Administrator confirms acceptance or rejection of nominations
June	Nominees given three days notice to address petition deficiencies
July	Administrator numbers and color codes ballots
July	Nominees deliver Personal statements to Administrator
August	Administrator mails ballots with Personal Statements to participants
September	Administrator tallies votes with representatives present
September	Administrator prepares written summary of results
September	Administrator notifies candidates
September	Public announcement of results, copy to City Council
October	Appeals procedures followed, if necessary
October	Administrator reports results to Board with recommended changes if any
November	City Council appoints elected members
January 1	Newly appointed members begin term

Election information is posted on the Pension Administration Division web page on the City web site, www.alexandriava.gov/retirement. Click on the links for *Firefighters and Police Officers* and *Election 2016*. Please check this site regularly for election announcements, updates, or changes to the above calendar.

If you have questions about running for or serving as a representative, please contact Kadira Coley, Retirement Administrator via e-mail (kadira.coley@alexandriava.gov) or call (703) 746-3879.

STAFF:

Laura B. Triggs, Deputy City Manager
 Kendel Taylor, Director of Finance

City of Alexandria Firefighters and Police Officers Pension Plan Board

Board Members

Firefighter Representatives

Michael Cross

Patrick Evans

Rick Muse, Alternate

Term Expires

December 31, 2016

December 31, 2018

December 31, 2018

Police Officer Representatives

Shirl Mammarella, Alternate

Edward Milner

Albert Tierney

Term Expires

December 31, 2018

December 31, 2018

December 31, 2016

Management Representatives

Jack Browand, Division Chief, Recreation

James Davis, Human Resources Manager

Jean Kelleher, Director, Office of Human Rights

Laura B. Triggs, Deputy City Manager

Christina Zechman Brown, Assistant City Attorney

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